

Mary, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and other distinguished persons were guests, they proved to be a considerable strain on his strength.

When August came the ambassador went to Harrogate to take the cure. In September he made a hurried trip to the United States and presided at the dedication of the New Education Building at Albany. He returned to England somewhat fatigued, but no anxiety was felt over his condition.

Suffered From Colds.
However, on October 21 he went to Wales and delivered an address on "Thomas Jefferson" at the University College, and from that time suffered from colds. Although he had not complained of throat trouble, from which he had suffered at intervals for years, there were minor ailments which depressed him.

Having invited a shooting party to West Park, where there had been many distinguished gatherings since Mr. Reid became ambassador, he called in Sir William Osler, who examined him and declared that there was nothing wrong. The ambassador was greatly cheered by this report, and with his wife joined his guests at his country house. He returned to Dorchester House on December 2, and his final illness began the next day.

Mr. Reid continued to carry his heavy correspondence, and signed official documents as late as Wednesday last. His family and household did not realize that he was in any danger, and although at times he showed much depression, it was attributed to the gloomy weather. The doctors, too, were quite optimistic, but advised him to remain within doors, and he did not join the party at West Park and the Prince and Princess of Wales last week-end. Even in the last week several small luncheons which the ambassador and Mrs. Reid were accustomed to give to American visitors, had been arranged just before his condition became serious. These were canceled when he was attacked with asthma Wednesday. On Thursday the attacks became more severe, and Sir Thomas Barrow was summoned in consultation, and Dr. Rowlands was installed in the house to be in constant attendance.

The attack became even worse Friday, and for a time it was believed the ambassador could not survive the night. He was greatly exhausted, but the attending physicians got the paroxysms under control, and later held out hope for his recovery. Mr. Reid, however, did not regain his strength, and on Sunday morning it was seen that he was sinking. Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Ward, who had been in constant attendance since his condition became serious, were summoned. He soon lapsed into unconsciousness, and lay quietly until the end came.

Led Active Life.
Whitehead Reid, who came to England in 1907, spent some busy years here. The diplomatic duties are not so heavy in London as at some points, but socially the American ambassador is very much in demand, and is more frequently called upon to deliver speeches and addresses than the other ambassadors. Mr. Reid gave much time to his addresses, particularly those delivered at the university, and his work began long before other men in this position would be asked. He dictated to his secretary or wrote for several hours before going to the embassy, where he was regular in attendance until illness overtook him, and there spent another three hours receiving visitors and attending to official correspondence. There were invariably engagements, official and unofficial, for the afternoon, and entertainments for the evening, which he attended. He was a member of several big clubs. These he seldom visited, although a regular attendant at the meetings of the Roxborough, a club of book lovers, and the Titmarsh, a Thackeray club. Until the last he was very active in literary pursuits. One of the reasons he desired to give up the ambassadorship and return home was that he might be enabled to write his memoirs, for which he had a mass of material and which his friends con-

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usually asked him to give his time to.

Whitehead Reid was in his seventy-sixth year, having been born on October 27, 1837, in Xenia, Ohio. He became a newspaper writer as a young man and never broke off his connection with the publishing business. He was editor-in-chief of the New York Tribune for many years, and afterward became proprietor of that journal.

In the meantime, however, he served in the first congress of the Civil War in 1861, and then as war correspondent. At one time he was librarian of the House of Representatives, at another time he was a cotton planter in Louisiana.

Later in life he went into the diplomatic service, and was sent to France as United States minister in 1889, remaining until 1892. During that period he did some important diplomatic work in securing the rescinding of the decree prohibiting the importation of American goods into France and also in negotiating the reciprocity and extradition treaties between the United States and France. He came back to the United States to run as the Republican candidate for Vice-President on the ticket with President Harrison.

Some years later, in 1897, he was sent as special ambassador to Great Britain to attend the celebration of the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria. His next important work was as special commissioner to the Paris conference.

In 1898 he was again appointed special commissioner to Great Britain for the coronation of King Edward VII. He was chosen in March, 1905, United States ambassador to Great Britain, in succession to Joseph H. Choate. Since that date his popularity in England, which was very great, augmented year by year, for he identified himself with all the social, educational and other movements of the United Kingdom.

Whitehead Reid married in 1881

Elizabeth Mills, daughter of the late Darius Ogden Mills, of New York. His son, Ogden Mills Reid, is president of the Tribune Company and managing editor of the Tribune. His daughter, Jean, is the wife of the Hon. John H. Brent, Washington, who is waiting to Queen Alexandra.

Talk of His Successor.
Washington, December 15.—The American ambassadorship will not long be left vacant. Although President Taft was said to-night not to have decided at this time upon a successor to Mr. Reid, it is understood that he will fill the place in a few weeks. The President regards the diplomatic problems in which this country and Great Britain are at present entangled as too important to leave the United States unrepresented, even for a few months at the court of St. James.

The President is understood to be hopeful that the Senate will confirm any nomination for this ambassadorship which he sends in. It is the custom for diplomats holding important posts to resign with a change of administration, and therefore an appointment would have no object in holding up an appointment which, at best, would be for only a few months.

In the last two years there have been frequent reports that the President contemplated replacing Mr. Reid at London with former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks, that John Hays Hammond, special ambassador from the United States at the coronation of George V., would be appointed ambassador, and that other well known Republicans of wealth had been talked about for the London post in circles close to the President. Many of these reports were refuted again when the news of Mr. Reid's death reached Washington.

Shock to Washington.
Washington, December 15.—News of the death in London to-day of Ambassador Reid came as a shock to official Washington, for it had not been generally realized that Mr. Reid's illness was of a serious nature.

President Taft paid an unusual tribute to the late ambassador and expressed his grief in a cable reply to a message of sorrow from King George of Great Britain, which reached the White House early to-day. The President also sent his sympathy to Mrs. Reid. Through his own personality, Mr. Reid, the President said, had drawn America and Great Britain together in closer friendship. The King's message said:

"It is with the deepest sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Whitehead Reid at noon to-day. As your ambassador in this country, his loss will be sincerely deplored, while personally I shall mourn for an old friend of many years' standing, whom I have with the greatest regard and respect. The Queen and I sympathize most warmly with Mrs. Whitehead Reid in her sorrow."

"Your Majesty's sad news of the death of Mr. Whitehead Reid," replied the President, "has just reached me. Mr. Reid's death is a loss to both countries, for his service as ambassador stands exceptional in the closest friendship that has been secured between them. His own personality, his intimate knowledge of both countries, his profound respect and love for England, entirely consistent with the highest loyalty on his part to this country, gave him peculiar influence for good in his position. I sincerely thank Your Majesty for your message and your expressions of sympathy and respect."

To Mrs. Reid the President added: "Mrs. Taft and I extend to you our deepest sympathy in your great sorrow. The country has lost a most able and loyal public servant. Mr. Reid's death ends one of the notable careers of the great men who have represented this nation in London. He has exercised a personal influence that was exceptional in maintaining the close friendship of the two countries, and he has been successful in a remarkable degree in the two very heavy branches of his duty—the one of pure diplomacy and the other the offering of the thought of Americans who have frequented London during his incumbency a friendly hospitality that made all of them feel at home. We hope that the thought of the great name he leaves will in time mitigate your grief."

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday and Tuesday; moderate temperature. North and South Carolina—Fair Monday and Tuesday.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.
12 noon temperature..... 48
5 P. M. temperature..... 57
Maximum temperature up to 8
P. M. temperature..... 57
Minimum temperature up to 8
P. M. temperature..... 28
Mean temperature..... 42
Normal temperature..... 41
Excess in temperature..... 1
Deficiency in temperature since March..... 192
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1..... 525
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... 6.15
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 6.28

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature..... 46
Humidity..... 46
Wind, direction..... South
Wind, velocity..... 6
Weather..... Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)
Place..... H. T. Weather
Asheville..... 28 54 Clear
Atlanta..... 54 58 Clear
Atlantic City..... 42 52 Clear
Boston..... 42 52 Clear
Buffalo..... 49 46 Cloudy
Calgary..... 26 24 Clear
Charleston..... 50 54 Clear
Chicago..... 42 44 Cloudy
Denver..... 26 28 Clear
Detroit..... 42 44 Clear
Hartford..... 46 54 Clear
Haver..... 22 34 Cloudy
Jacksonville..... 54 58 Cloudy
Kansas City..... 48 50 Clear
Louisville..... 46 54 Clear
Montgomery..... 28 42 Clear
New Orleans..... 62 66 Clear
New York..... 44 50 Clear
Norfolk..... 48 52 Clear
Oklahoma..... 44 54 Clear
Pittsburgh..... 46 54 Clear
Raleigh..... 48 54 Clear
St. Louis..... 48 54 Clear
St. Paul..... 24 28 Cloudy
San Francisco..... 52 54 Clear
Savannah..... 52 54 Clear
Tampa..... 44 48 Cloudy
Wash., D. C..... 46 54 Clear
Winnipeg..... 26 28 Cloudy
Wytheville..... 42 50 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 16, 1912.

High temperature..... 50

Low temperature..... 30

Sub. temp..... 40

Sub. temp..... 40

Smithfield Visited by \$75,000 Blaze

Number of Buildings Destroyed and Communication With Outside World Is Cut Off.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Winchester, Va., December 15.—Smithfield was visited last night by a \$75,000 fire. It originated in the men's furnishing store of G. J. Seward & Co., and burned a block in each direction. Among the buildings burned were the telephone central office, thereby cutting the town off from all communication with the outside world. No definite information can be obtained. The fire was stopped at the post-office building at one point and the Merchants and Farmers Bank at the other. Among the buildings burned were the store of G. J. Seward & Co., the Bank of Smithfield, the Home Telephone Company and a hardware store, the grocery store of E. W. Wilson, the offices of W. L. Folk, attorney at law, and A. S. Barrett, broker, and the printing offices of D. J. Mood & Co.

SENSATIONAL BRIEF IS FILED

(Continued From First Page.)

he would go free; if not, he would go in irons.

Rather than go in irons he signed the confession, according to his story. Shortly after he signed this statement, he was carried as a witness before the court of inquiry investigating commissary transactions. There he denied every word of the statement, charging that it was given under duress, when he was desperate by reason of long confinement and the threat of irons. He declared that when he signed the statement he believed revelation of the circumstances would vindicate him.

Following this turn of the case, points out Mr. Hicks, Dickey was thrown back into prison, and the charge on which he was court-martialed lodged against him, but in the meantime he had entered suit against Captain Roger Wells, who was president of court-martial; Captain Maria, judge advocate, and others for \$25,000 damages on the specification of false imprisonment during the previous two months.

From the time he was put in confinement following the lodging of the "sensational conduct" charge against him, and the date of the court-martial, says Mr. Hicks, the steward was led out every day and paraded in irons before his comrades.

Mr. Hicks' brief, submitted to the Secretary of the Navy, treats extensively of legal matters involved, in which he undertakes to establish that the charge was without authority of law and contrary to all principles of natural justice, in that it was not definite, and the prisoner was therefore put at the disadvantage of not knowing what he was to be tried for. He also contends that the statement of confession secured from Dickey was obtained under an oath administered illegally, arguing from this that the falsity of the statement could not justify the charge of perjury. Further, he pointed out that the seeking statement repudiating the first was never proved to be other than absolutely true. Therefore the prisoner could not be convicted of perjury on that, he said. The nature of the charge was such, however, that proof of perjury seemed not to be necessary to conviction although the specifications cited conflicting statements, each made under oath.

The brief reviews the evidence as to methods used to get the repudiated statement from the steward, claiming that they constituted duress, which led the steward to make a confession in order to escape further and additional punishment, and in the belief that it would not stand after he had disclosed attendant circumstances.

Mr. Hicks said that he intended to appear personally before Secretary Meyer. He declared he would fight the case to the last ditch. Also he predicted that Secretary Meyer would annul the verdict of the court-martial.

"I don't believe Secretary Meyer will stand for it," he said. A statement was given out yesterday by Captain Maria, judge-advocate of the court-martial in which he declared that the court was sequestered. He said that if newspaper men were denied permission to board the Louisiana, where the trial was held, it was done without authority of the court. Captain Maria added that court-martials were rarely conducted in secret.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—Dark.
Edison—The Gambler and the Police.
Colonial—Vaudeville.
Empire—Entire musical comedy.
Leblin—Vaudeville.

ENTIRE CAMP HELD UP

Virginia Residents Richardson and Is Fatally Injured.
Lima, Ohio, December 15.—One man is believed to be dying and seven others are in a critical condition as a result of being beaten up by highwaymen in South Lima early to-day. Frank Holly, of Graham, Va., the most seriously injured, is said to be fatally hurt.

Temperatures Above Seasonable Average

Washington, December 15.—The indications are that temperatures above the seasonable average will prevail throughout the coming week, according to the Weather Bureau, with the precipitation generally light and confined principally to the Northern border States, the Northwest and the Pacific States. There are indications, says the weekly weather bulletin, "that near the close of the week the weather will become considerably colder in the Northwest."

Too Late For Classification

LOST A BUNCH OF FOUR KEYS, ON Church Hill Sunday night. Return to HALLIDAY & BROWN, 1557 East Main Street.

JEFFERSON DAVIS' DESK, USED by him from 1862 to 1865, after the Civil War, at Little Rock, Ark. when he was president of the Mississippi Valley Relief Association, is owned by W. S. Hamaker, Findlay, O., and will be sold for a reasonable price; correspondence solicited.

ABANDON HOPE FOR AVIATORS

Searchers Confident They Met Death in Pacific Ocean.

PART OF MACHINE FOUND

Horace Kearney and Newspaper Man, a Passenger, the Victims.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 15.—Horace Kearney, the young Kansas City aviator, attempting a hydro-aeroplane flight from Los Angeles to San Francisco, is believed to have been drowned, together with Charles Lawrence, a Los Angeles newspaperman, who was accompanying him on the trip. A portion of the hydro-aeroplane "Snookums" was picked up late to-day in the Pacific Ocean by a motor boat off Redondo Beach and towed into Santa Monica by a party of fishermen. Thirty hours continuous search for Kearney and Lawrence was without result, except that Glenn H. Martin, a fellow aviator, nearly met Kearney's fate while attempting to alight on the waves off Point Mugu, where he was seeking the missing men.

Efforts at organized search have for the time being been abandoned. Charles Day, who built Kearney's machine, went down to Santa Monica and looked at the portion. He identified it as the one he had put on the "Snookums," remarking that Kearney had often said death would catch him while flying.

Engine trouble, Day said, probably drove the men to the surface of the sea, which, smooth for months at a time, had been agitated for three days by a thirty-mile gale. A swell, it is believed, wrenched off the pontoon which has been recovered. This unbalanced the machine and probably threw the men into the water or dragged them down in a sudden overturn.

Glenn Martin, in a fruitless effort to find the missing men, flew from San Pedro to-day, carrying Frank S. Garbutt, secretary of the Los Angeles Athletic Club. This was followed by Garbutt's power launch. Forty miles up the coast Martin flew, while Garbutt searched the waves with powerful glasses. At Point Mugu, Martin, as had been agreed, alighted on the water and replenished his gasoline supply from the power launch, but attempting to rise, found the waves would not let him. The launch took the air craft in tow and headed back for San Pedro, but near the breakwater ran out of fuel and rolled helplessly about until rescued. The aeroplane was wrecked, but but for the aid of the launch, Martin and Garbutt might have been drowned when they alighted.

Two More Fatalities.

London, December 15.—The fall of an aeroplane to-day added two to the list of fatalities of aviation. Lieutenant W. Parke, of the royal navy, and Mr. Hardwick, manager of an aerobatic company, were killed when the machine in which they were making a flight from the Hendon Aviation grounds to Oxford, came down with a crash on the Wembley Golf Course this afternoon. The aviators were pinned under the wreckage.

Lieutenant Parke was one of the leading aviators in the last army manoeuvres. He received his license in April, 1911, at Brooklands.

NO DECREASE IN "MOONSHINING"

Washington, December 15.—"Moonshining" and bootlegging continue without sign of abatement, declares Royal E. Cabell, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in his annual report made public to-day. During the fiscal year 1912-1913, illicit distilling plants were seized about the same number as the previous year, and the commissioner admits that the government did not get all of the violators of the law. A great number of moonshiners still are operating, resulting in a large loss of revenue to the government, he adds. "Illicit distilling is most prevalent," says the commissioner, "in the States of Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia."

The total number of corporations in the United States during 1911 as shown by returns under the corporation tax law was 288,252, with capitalization of \$60,967,128,225; bonded indebtedness of \$12,162,537,961, and an aggregate net income of \$3,213,757,317. Capital stock increased over 1910 by more than \$2,190,788,000, and bond and other indebtedness by \$1,448,201,000, while the net income increased by \$146,542,000.

The corporation tax, which yielded \$28,583,259 on the 1911 returns, is expected by Mr. Cabell to become a constantly increasing source of revenue to the government.

The commissioner recommends the revision of the oleomargarine law, because, as at present constituted, it results in evasion and fraud.

He estimated that internal revenue receipts during the current fiscal year will reach \$325,000,000, and during the fiscal year 1914 probably \$325,000,000, breaking all previous records.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Laura Shepherd Webb.
Mrs. Laura Shepherd Webb, seventy-three years old, the widow of William Thomas Webb, died yesterday morning at 4:15 o'clock at her home, 260 West Grace Street. Mrs. Webb suffered a stroke of paralysis a week ago, and her condition was critical from that time until the end.

Mrs. Webb was a daughter of the late Dr. Stith Meade Shepherd, of Petersburg, and was born in that city December 31, 1839.

She spent her early life in Petersburg, and there she married Mr. Webb. Later Mrs. Webb moved to Richmond, and was a resident of the city for more than thirty years. She was a member of Centenary Methodist Church and was a devout Christian character, beautiful in her simplicity and sincerity.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons—Shepherd Webb, Mrs. Edward H. Benson and Miss Frances B. Webb, of this city; William A. Webb, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Charles O. Cowardin, Jr., of Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Webb also leaves two sisters



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The funeral will be held at Centenary Methodist Church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, the service to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., assisted by Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D. Interment will be private.

Archie Bolling Armstrong.
Archie Bolling Armstrong, seventy-six years old, for thirty years an employee of the Southern Railway, died early yesterday morning at his home, 2100 East Broad Street. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons—H. D. Armstrong, of Richmond, and James L. Armstrong, of St. Louis, Mo. He also leaves two sisters—Mrs. Pattle Mann, of this city, and Mrs. L. A. Armstrong, of High Shoals, N. C., and three grandchildren—A. L. Wrenn, P. A. Wrenn and Mrs. H. O. Butler.

Mrs. Mary Virginia Anderson.
Montgomery, Ala., December 15.—Mrs. Mary Virginia Anderson, widow of Dr. W. W. Anderson, of Stateburg, S. C., died Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Nelson, in this city.

She leaves five children: B. M. Anderson, of Richmond, W. W. Anderson, of Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Mark Reynolds, of Sumter, S. C.; Mrs. W. L. Saunders, of Stateburg, S. C.; and Mrs. W. B. Nelson, of Montgomery, Ala.

W. P. Eddins.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Hampton, Va., December 15.—W. P. Eddins, seventy-nine years old, died suddenly here this morning. He was a native of Virginia. His wife and four daughters survive him.

W. J. Holloway.
Hampton, Va., December 15.—W. J. Holloway, of Richmond, fell dead across a gas stove while preparing

oysters in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Butler, in Phoenix, last night. Mr. Holloway came to Phoenix several days ago to visit his daughter.

DEATHS

ANDERSON—Died, Sunday morning, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Nelson, at Montgomery, Ala. Mrs. MARY VIRGINIA ANDERSON, widow of Dr. W. W. Anderson, of Stateburg, S. C., R. M. Anderson, of this city, is one of five surviving children.

ARMSTRONG—Died, at his residence, 2100 East Broad, December 15, 2:15 P. M. ARCHIE BOLLING ARMSTRONG, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

BRAXTON—Died, Saturday morning, December 14, 2:40 o'clock, in the residence of her son-in-law, Henry Lee Valentine, 116 South Third Street, Mrs. HENRIETTA BRAXTON, widow of William Armstrong Braxton, in the seventy-seventh year of her age.

The funeral will take place from the residence, 113 South Third Street, MONDAY MORNING, December 16, at 11 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

MARTIN—Died, at the Retreat for the Sick, December 14, Mrs. MARTHA V. MARTIN, in the seventy-first year of her age.

Funeral will take place from the home of her son-in-law, John A. M. M. MRS. LAURA SHEPHERD WEBB.

Funeral TUESDAY MORNING at 11 o'clock from Centenary Methodist Church. Interment private.

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